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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Marcello FRATINI et al.  
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For : TEXTILE AND FOOTWEAR PRODUCTS  
TREATED WITH SULFUR  
Group Art Unit : 1792  
Examiner : David P. Turocy  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment And Response To Notice Of Non-Compliant Preliminary Amendment, pursuant to the Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 22, 2009.

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